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- A new review published in Clinical Infectious Diseases stated that shortages of key drugs used to fight infections represent a public health emergency and can put patients at risk. –
 Infectious Diseases Society of America (See item 31)
- Severe weather tore across the Southeast January 23, killing at least two people, injuring hundreds, knocking out power to tens of thousands, and damaging hundreds of homes and buildings. *CNN* (See item <u>47</u>)

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: <u>Physical</u>: LOW, <u>Cyber</u>: LOW Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - [http://www.esisac.com]

1. *January 23, seattlepi.com* – (Washington) **Power restored to most homes, but thousands still without power.** Power crews working around the clock restored electrical service to thousands of homes darkened by storms the week of January 15 in Seattle. A spokeswoman for Puget Sound Energy (PSE) said the number of customers

without power had been reduced to about 79,000 by 4 p.m. January 22. Since January 18, PSE crews have restored power to more than 325,000 customers in Western Washington. About 250 crews brought in from as far away as Arizona and Colorado were working full-time since then to repair damaged lines and restore service. PSE hoped to have power restored to the vast majority of homes by January 22. People living in more remote or forested areas may not have power back until January 25 or even later, utility officials said.

 $Source: \underline{http://www.seattlepi.com/local/komo/article/Power-restored-to-most-homes-but-thousands-still-2675070.php \\$

2. January 22, Ventura County Star – (California) 3 arrested in Moorpark copper theft. Three men were arrested January 22 on suspicion of stealing thousands of dollars worth of copper wire from a Southern California Edison facility in Moorpark, California, authorities said. The suspects were arrested following a theft of copper and tools at least six times in recent months from the Edison plant near Gabbert Road and Highway 118. Edison officials estimate their total loss to be over \$100,000 from the recent burglaries. Moorpark police detectives were conducting surveillance at the Edison plant about 3:30 a.m. January 22 when they saw three people cut through a fence and enter the property. About 90 minutes later, the suspects left in a vehicle with stolen wire from the plant, officials said. Authorities stopped the vehicle and found about \$25,000 worth of copper wire inside.

Source: http://www.vcstar.com/news/2012/jan/22/3-arrested-in-moorpark-copper-theft/

3. January 20, New Castle News Journal – (Delaware) Wilmington oil recycler faces \$55,000 pollution fine. State regulators fined a Wilmington, Delaware used-oil recycling operation near the city's Riverfront redevelopment area with a \$55,000 penalty and reform order, January 20. The secretary of the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) issued the penalty order to International Petroleum Corp. (IPC) of Delaware after inspections in April and August turned up dozens of alleged environmental offenses, ranging from improper storage, treatment, and disposal of hazardous wastes to failure to fix and contain leaks, and failure to assure proper training for employees. In October, DNREC declared the problems serious enough to warrant a rare state "cease and desist" order, requiring immediate action. The company also was ordered to pay the state more than \$8,300 to cover investigation costs. IPC has 30 days to appeal the order.

 $\underline{http://www.delawareonline.com/article/20120120/NEWS/120120032/Wilmington-oil-recycler-faces-55-000-pollution-fine}$

4. January 20, Lincoln Journal Star – (Nebraska) **DEQ: Nemaha County fuel spill** could take two years to clean up and monitor. The cleanup and monitoring of a massive December fuel spill from two ruptured pipelines in Nemaha County, Nebraska, will last at least 2 years, a state official said January 19. It will take about a year to clean up petroleum products at the site, which then will be monitored for a year, said a spokesman for the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The state agency has overseen cleanup efforts since a farmer, operating a bulldozer to clear brush roots from a hedgerow, hit the 8- and 12-inch pipelines about two and a half miles

south of Nemaha December 10. Magellan Midstream Partners, the owner of the pipelines, and its contractors have been recovering the spilled fuel using small dams, trenches, absorbent materials, sump pumps and a vacuum truck. The DEQ estimated that 2,834 barrels of gasoline, diesel fuel, and jet fuel spilled from the pipelines and contaminated soil and water in a nearby unnamed creek.. As of January 11, workers had recovered 137 barrels of fuel.

Source: http://journalstar.com/news/local/deq-nemaha-county-fuel-spill-could-take-two-years-to/article_cc1e2f88-0cdf-5d7b-b78d-f1f1a4647f8d.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. January 22, WTRF 7 Wheeling – (Pennsylvania; West Virginia) Chemical spill shuts down I-70 Eastbound for hours Saturday. Officials shut down I-70 eastbound from Exit 5 at Elm Grove, West Virginia, to Claysville, Pennsylvania, causing major traffic backups January 21. A sergeant with the Wheeling Police Department said a tractor trailer carrying a nonhazardous chemical overturned near the Pennsylvania-West Virginia border just past West Alexander, Pennsylvania around 1 p.m. The Pennsylvania State Police said the truck veered off the road into the drainage ditch, spilling the material used to make glue into the ditch. Authorities said crews were still clearing up the scene the night of January 21, and they expected the road to be closed until everything was cleaned up.

Source: http://www.wtrf.com/story/16572499/chemical-spill-shuts-down-i-70-easbound-for-hours-saturday

6. January 21, KTVT 11 Dallas/Fort Worth – (Texas) Tanker truck overturns in Arlington, leaks ethanol onto overpass. A 7,500-gallon fuel truck overturned at Center Street and Ryan Plaza in Arlington, Texas, at about 5 p.m. January 21, leaking ethanol onto the Interstate 30 overpass. It was still leaking at 7:30 p.m. and a hazardous material teams responded to help with the cleanup. A fire department spokesman said the tanker tipped onto its side and ripped a hole deep into the gas tank. Authorities set up a 1,000-foot evacuation zone and closed North Center Street from Interstate 30 to Ryan Plaza. Officials said the only building in the zone is the Texas Health Resources building, which is mostly empty except for a 24-hour operating office of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. They said the truck would have to be completely drained of ethanol before it could be towed. Crews were expected to work until 3 a.m. January 22. Source: http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2012/01/21/tanker-truck-overturns-in-arlington-leaks-ethanol-onto-overpass/

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

7. *January 23*, *KDKA 2 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Fire damages Stowe Township business.** Fire heavily damaged Standard Forged Products in Stowe Township, Pennsylvania, the night of January 22, and crews had to take extra precautions because of chemicals inside the facility, including hydraulic fluid. Firefighters had to use foam while battling the blaze because of the chemicals involved. Although workers were inside the building when the fire started, all made it out safely. Workers told KDKA 2 Pittsburgh that they were sent home due to the fire. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Source: http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2012/01/23/fire-damages-stowe-township-business/

8. January 22, Green Bay Press-Gazette – (Wisconsin) **De Pere foundry fire causes undetermined damage.** A fire caused an undetermined amount of damage January 21 at the C.A. Lawton Co. foundry in De Pere, Wisconsin. Fire crews responded to a report of smoke and fire in the plant's "shop blast area." The fire extended to the roof, where firefighters concentrated their efforts and put the fire out, according to the De Pere Fire Department. The foundry was not in operation at the time and no one was injured.

Source:

 $\frac{http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/article/20120122/GPG0101/201220621/C-A-Lawton-Co-foundry-fire-in-De-Pere-causes-undetermined-damage}{}$

9. January 20, Wired – (National) Feds say Volt is safe, close battery inquiry. Federal regulators closed their investigation into the Chevrolet Volt, saying they are satisfied with the steps General Motors has taken to protect the car's lithium-ion battery and minimize the risk of a fire in the days and weeks after a severe crash, Wired reported January 20. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) posted an explanation and summary of its inquiry and announced the conclusion of the investigation it launched November 25. "The agency's investigation has concluded that no discernible defect trend exists and that the vehicle modifications recently developed by General Motors reduce the potential for battery intrusion resulting from side impacts," the NHTSA said in a statement. To address the issue, GM said it will revise the structure surrounding the Chevrolet Volt's battery pack and modify its coolant system, changes the automaker said will better protect the pack and reduce the risk of an electrical fire.

Source: http://www.wired.com/autopia/2012/01/nhtsa-closes-chevrolet-volt-investigation/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+wired/index+(Wired:+Index+3+(Top+Stories+2))

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

10. January 23, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission – (Connecticut; New York) Diamondback Capital agrees to settle SEC insider trading charges. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) January 23 announced that Diamondback Capital Management LLC agreed to pay more than \$9 million to settle insider-trading charges brought by the Commission January 18. The proposed settlement is subject to the approval of a U.S. district court judge in New York. As part of the proposed settlement, the Stamford, Connecticut-based hedge fund adviser also has submitted a statement of facts to the SEC and federal prosecutors, and entered into a non-prosecution agreement with the U.S. attorney's office for New York. Under the proposed settlement, Diamondback will give up more than \$6 million of allegedly ill-gotten gains and pay a \$3 million civil penalty. In addition, Diamondback consented to a judgment that permanently enjoins it from future violations of federal anti-fraud laws. The proposed settlement would resolve charges of insider trading by Diamondback in shares of Dell Inc. and Nvidia Corp. in 2008 and 2009. The week of January 16, the SEC filed insider-trading charges against Diamondback, a second hedge fund advisory firm, and seven individuals, including a former Diamondback analyst and a former Diamondback portfolio manager.

Source: http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2012/2012-16.htm

11. January 23, Softpedia – (International) New ZeuS variant 'Citadel' comes with customer support. During his expeditions in the hacking underground, a security researcher came across a new variant of the bank-account-stealing ZeuS Trojan called Citadel. Citadel's developers mainly address customers not satisfied with the support offered by other malware providers. The fact that malware developers rarely make sure bugs in their products are patched up is seen as a business opportunity for Citadel's owners. This is why they offer a bug reporting and suggestions mechanism via a ticketing system, allowing customers to file as many complaints as they want without having to contact the developer on instant messaging channels. Clients can also submit their own applications in what appears to be a social network. For \$2,400 plus a monthly fee, cybercriminals can purchase a Citadel package comprised of a bot builder and a botnet administration panel. Among other features and add-ons that the trojan's creators offer, there is one that detects if the victim's keyboard is Russian or Ukrainian. It is known that hackers fear Russian authorities more than anything else because they are known to track down and prosecute those who commit crimes in the virtual environment. This is why this particular variant of ZeuS shuts itself down as soon as it

detects the aforementioned keyboards.

Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/New-ZeuS-Variant-Citadel-Comes-with-Customer-Support-248032.shtml

12. January 22, KNSD 7 San Diego – (California) Carlsbad man arrested for. A Carlsbad, California, man was arrested January 21 in connection with a robbery series that spanned over 3 months, according to officials with the FBI. He was taken into custody after Carlsbad police SWAT teams surrounded his home, a special agent with the FBI said. He said the suspect was arrested after a multi-jurisdictional investigation into the 'Dying Son Bandit' bank robberies, a series that involved 10 banks. He added that a recent tip helped lead investigators to the suspect. The 'Dying Son' name came about because the suspect told bank tellers he was in need of money for his dying son. The suspect followed that up by telling the victims he was armed with a handgun and would shoot them if they did not comply with his demands. Seven robberies were completed and three were attempted, according to the special agent. The most recent robbery was at a Citibank branch in Laguna Hills January 20. Investigators determined the suspect's claims of a dying son were false.

Source: http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/Arrest-Made-in-Dying-Son-Robbery-Series-FBI-137855818.html

13. January 21, Knoxvlle News Sentinel – (Tennessee) FBI allege 'Ball Cap Bandit' is meat salesman from North Knox. The FBI identified a meat salesman as a serial robber authorities said robbed three Tennessee banks since August 2011, the Knoxville News Sentinel reported January 21. His wife said he admitted in 2007 to robbing yet another bank using the same method as the man who authorities dubbed the 'Ball Cap Bandit' during the recent spree. He was arrested January 20 and charged with three counts of bank robbery. He is being held without bond at the Blount County Jail, the FBI said. Authorities said he robbed Home Federal Bank in Pigeon Forge August 24, Tennessee Bank in Oak Ridge November 14, and Tennessee National Bank in Jefferson City January 4. In each case, FBI agents allege the meat and seafood salesman used only a note demanding cash — usually between \$2,500 and \$3,000. Officials said when an image of the ball cap-wearing bank robber flashed on electronic billboards around Knoxville January 11, four of the man's business associates identified him as the man. An FBI task force officer reported the suspect's wife said that in the fall of 2007, her husband told her he had robbed a West Knoxville SunTrust Bank by using a note that demanded \$3,000.

Source: http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2012/jan/21/fbi-allege-ball-cap-bandit-is-meat-salesman-from/

14. January 20, Internet Crime Complaint Center; FBI; Financial Services-Information Sharing and Analysis Center – (International) Fraud alert involving e-mail intrusions to facilitate wire transfers overseas. The FBI observed a trend in which cyber criminals are compromising the e-mail accounts of U.S. individuals and businesses and using variations of the legitimate e-mail addresses associated with the victim accounts to request and authorize overseas transactions, according to a January 20 alert. The wire transfers are being sent to bank accounts of individuals typically located domestically or in Australia, and the funds are being sent directly to Malaysia. Investigations found

some of the money mules in the United States and Australia are victims of a romance scam and are asked to further transfer the funds to Malaysia. As of December 2011, the attempted fraud amounts were about \$23 million; with actual victim losses about \$6 million. This type of fraud has affected banks, broker/dealers, credit unions, and other institutions. In a typical scenario, the cyber criminal will send an e-mail to a financial institution, brokerage firm employee, or the victim's financial adviser pretending to be the victim and request the balance of the victim's account. When the request is successful, the cyber criminal then sends another e-mail providing a reason why they can only communicate via e-mail and asks that a wire transfer be initiated on their behalf. The excuse is typically based on an illness or death in the family that prevents the account holder from conducting business as usual.

Source: http://www.ic3.gov/media/2012/EmailFraudWireTransferAlert.pdf

- 15. January 20, Credit Union Times (Florida) SEC charges Florida bank, CEO with **CRE portfolio fraud.** The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) charged the holding company for one of Florida's largest banks and its chief executive officer (CEO) with misleading investors about growing problems in a loan portfolio, the Credit Union Times reported January 20. The SEC alleged BankAtlantic Bancorp and its CEO and chairman made misleading statements in public filings and earnings calls to hide the declining state of a large portion of the bank's commercial real estate land acquisition and development portfolio (CRE) in 2007. BankAtlantic and the CEO then allegedly committed accounting fraud when they minimized the bank's losses by improperly recording loans they were trying to sell from this portfolio in late 2007. According to the SEC's complaint, BankAtlantic and the CEO knew a large portion of the loan portfolio was deteriorating in early 2007 because many loans required extensions due to borrowers' inability to meet their obligations. Some loans were kept current only by extending the loan terms or replenishing the interest reserves from an increase in the loan principal, the SEC said. The CEO allegedly knew this negative information in part from participating in the bank's major loan committee that approved the extensions and principal increases. As a result, BankAtlantic experienced a net loss of more than \$45 million in its CRE portfolio. In 2007, the bank had about \$1.5 billion in CRE loans. The SEC said BankAtlantic and the CEO also were aware that many of the loans had been internally downgraded to non-passing status, indicating the bank was deeply concerned about them. The SEC alleged that despite this knowledge, BankAtlantic's public filings in the first two quarters of 2007 made only generic warnings of what may occur in the future if Florida's real estate downturn continued. The CEO later allegedly made misleading statement to investors during the bank's earnings calls, according to the SEC. BankAtlantic finally acknowledged the problems in the third quarter of 2007 by announcing "a large unexpected loss." The SEC's complaint seeks financial penalties and permanent injunctive relief against BankAtlantic and the CEO to enjoin them from future violations of the federal securities laws. The complaint also seeks an officer and director bar against the CEO. Source: http://www.cutimes.com/2012/01/20/sec-charges-florida-bank-ceo-with-creportfolio-fr
- 16. *January 19, Orangeburg Times and Democrat* (South Carolina) **Bank ordeal suspect: 'Fulfilling my destiny'.** A man accused of holding more than a dozen people

hostage January 17 in an Orangeburg, South Carolina, bank said he was fulfilling his destiny for the Lord, the Orangeburg Times and Democrat reported January 19. He told the court January 18 he needed a platform for attention to fulfill a religious calling. The bank was that platform. He stopped short, however, of explaining precisely what those certain purposes were. Investigators charged the suspect with 13 counts of kidnapping, one count of attempted murder, and one count of resisting arrest with a deadly weapon. He informed the court he had no intention of harming anyone during his stand-off with police. The warrants were served on the suspect a day after police said he held multiple employees and customers hostage at a South Carolina Bank and Trust. More charges are possible, police said. Investigators are still trying to determine why the suspect allegedly entered the bank with several knives. He never demanded money, investigators said. On January 17, someone in the bank tripped a robbery alarm that sent dozens of officers to the 3-story bank. Three police negotiators spent 45 minutes trying to determine what the subject barricaded inside wanted. Negotiators were given no demands, however. Officers moved in through the bank's doors, including the front door, which was barricaded with chairs. The subject was then tased into submission. Source: http://thetandd.com/news/bank-ordeal-suspect-fulfilling-mydestiny/article_c2a6a0aa-4262-11e1-be19-0019bb2963f4.html

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Transportation Sector

17. January 23, Seattle Times – (National) Vibrations force Boeing to cut off 747-8 tail fuel tanks. Under a mandate from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Boeing's new 747-8 Intercontinental passenger jet will not be allowed to carry fuel in its tail until engineers can fix a potential wing-vibration problem. A Boeing spokesman said engineers are working to design, certify, and implement a repair in 2013. Until then, a section of fuel line will be removed to prevent fuel flowing back to the tank inside the horizontal stabilizer — the small wings on either side of the tail. This restriction will cut fuel capacity by about 3,300 gallons and reduce the range of the jet by 300 to 400 miles, the spokesman said. The big jet's total fuel capacity, including the tail tank, is advertised at 63,055 gallons, giving it a range of 9,200 miles while carrying 467 passengers. The first delivery of the 747-8 passenger model is expected next month to an unidentified customer. German airline Lufthansa will take the second jet, probably in March. Five of the jets have already rolled out without the required block to the tanks in the tail. Those jets will have to be modified by removing the section of fuel line, work that can be completed over three shifts, the Boeing spokesman said. Subsequent 747-8s will have the tail tank blocked inside the factory during assembly. A computer analysis revealed that if the engine mounting strut were to fail, then extra weight at the rear of the aircraft from fuel in the tail would cause wing flutter. Flutter is a phenomenon in which structural vibrations enter a feedback cycle that enhances the shaking and can cause serious damage.

Source: http://www.bnd.com/2012/01/23/2025396/vibrations-force-boeing-to-cut.html

18. *January 23*, *Bloomberg News* – (International) **Airbus wing checks to affect almost one-third of A380 fleet.** Airlines operating Airbus SAS's A380 superjumbo must

ground 20 planes or almost one-third of the world fleet within the next 6 weeks to check for wing cracks. Carriers with A380s that have accumulated more than 1,300 takeoffs and landings must make the inspections, and any planes that have made more than 1,800 trips need to be checked within 4 days, the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) said today. Air France, Emirates, and Singapore Airlines Ltd. will need to take action soonest, based on flight figures, with the work likely to take up to 24 hours, according to the Asian carrier, which said six of its jets require scrutiny in the near term. The EASA ordered the checks after the discovery of cracks in one wing led to detection of more serious fractures in other planes. "This condition, if not detected and corrected, could potentially affect the structural integrity of the aeroplane," the safety organization said in an airworthiness directive. "The new form of cracking is more significant." The visual examinations don't require special gear and should be completed in a matter of hours, according to Airbus.

Source: http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-

bin/article.cgi?f=/g/a/2012/01/23/bloomberg_articlesLY3G2L6JTSEA01-LY3OA.DTL

19. January 20, NYCAviation – (International) FAA downgrades safety ratings of Curacao and Saint Maarten, current flights not affected. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) January 19 announced it had downgraded the safety ratings of the Caribbean island nations of Curaçao and Saint Maarten from Category 1 to Category 2. Both islands had previously been parts of the Netherlands Antilles, which had held a International Aviation Safety Assessment (IASA) rating of Category 1. Curaçao and Saint Maarten became individual countries subject to their own assessments when the Netherlands Antilles were dissolved in 2010. According to the FAA, a Category 2 rating means a country either lacks laws or regulations necessary to oversee air carriers in accordance with minimum international standards, or that its civil aviation authority -- equivalent to the FAA for aviation safety matters -- is deficient in one or more areas, such as technical expertise, trained personnel, record keeping, or inspection procedures. The FAA savid existing service may continue, but under stronger scrutiny from FAA inspectors. New flights from those countries will not be allowed unless they regain Category 1 status. Flights operated by U.S. carriers to Curaçao and Saint Maarten will not be affected.

Source: http://nycaviation.com/2012/01/aviation-safety-ratings-of-curacao-and-st-maarten-downgraded-by-faa-current-flights-not-affected/

20. *January* 20, *Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) Snow cripples commute, cancels flights and moves on. Chicago officials detoured all Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) buses off Lake Shore Drive as a snowstorm hunkered down over the area, crippling the evening commute and grounding more than 800 flights January 20. The storm began tapering off as of 6:15 p.m., but travel times on expressways remained tortuously long, with some commutes more than 4 hours long. Radar showed the storm leaving the area as of about 9 p.m. and snow was expected to completely exit northern Illinois by midnight. As of about 6:30 p.m. buses that operate north of Roosevelt Road on Lake Shore Drive were back on their normal routes, while all buses south of Roosevelt resumed normal routes by 8:15 p.m., the CTA said. Some delays remained because of traffic conditions. The Illinois Tollway Authority said it had helped at least 160 motorists since the snow began. As of 8:30 p.m., O'Hare and Midway airports were reporting "significant delays

and cancellations," according to the Chicago Aviation Department. At O'Hare, airlines canceled more than 700 flights and delays on all flights were averaging an hour or more, the department said. At Midway, more than 100 flights were canceled. Metra, the commuter rail division of the Illinois Regional Transportation Authority, reported two issues — slower-moving commuters and multiple switch problems that were possibly weather-related.

Source: http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2012-01-20/business/chi-5-to-8-inches-of-snow-predicted-evening-rush-at-risk-20120120_1_snow-cripples-lake-effect-snow-reroute-buses

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Postal and Shipping Sector

21. January 22, KDRV 12 Medford – (Oregon) Bomb squad responds to Rogue River homemade explosives. The Oregon State Police (OSP) Bomb Squad was sent out January 21 for some suspicious deliveries. Along with the OSP, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office responded to a call of multiple explosive devices. The objects were located inside three separate mailboxes outside of Rogue River. At two locations, it was clear the mailboxes fell victims to someone's prank. Jackson County sheriff's officials said the homemade explosives were created inside small medicine bottles. They said the two devices inside two separate mailbox locations went off on their own, but the bomb squad did suit up for the Queens Branch Road location. After examining the broken device, the bomb squad determined it was safe to remove. Three people were arrested; two of the suspects are minors and the third is an 18-year-old of Rogue River. Charges are expected for all three.

Source: http://kdrv.com/page/237156

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Agriculture and Food Sector

- 22. *January 21, Food Safety News* (National) **Price Chopper recalls shredded taco cheese.** Price Chopper Supermarkets is recalling its Coyote Joe's Shredded Taco Cheese because there could be shredded plastic fragments inside the packaging, Food Safety News reported January 21. The recall is for 16-ounce cheese with an expiration date of April 21, 2012 sold chain-wide from January 4 through January 17. Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/01/price-chopper-recalls-shredded-taco-cheese-1/
- 23. *January 21, Food Safety News* (National) **Allergen alert: 'Torta de Pan' with milk.** JKS Wholesale SVCS of Beltsville, Maryland, is recalling packages of "Torta de Pan" after a state of New York Department of Agriculture and Markets laboratory analysis revealed the product contains milk, an allergen, which is not listed on the label, Food Safety News reported January 21. The recalled "Torta de Pan" was sold in a 16-

ounce, clear plastic bag and was distributed to supermarkets and delis in Washington D.C., Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey, and New York. â□"JKS Wholesale SVCS said it worked with the bakery to correct the label.

Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/01/allergen-alert-torta-de-pan-withmilk-1/

- 24. *January 21, Food Safety News* (International) **Rancid baby cereal recalled in Canada.** One illness was reported, and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and Loblaw Companies Ltd. are warning the public not to consume President's Choice Organics infant cereals because the products may have an unpleasant rancid odor, or taste, Food Safety News reported January 21. The cereal importer, Loblaw Companies Ltd. of Toronto, Ontario, is recalling all lot codes of eight types of President's Choice Organics infant cereal. The affected products have been distributed nationally in Canada. In its recall alert, the CFIA said the cereal should not be consumed if has an unusual odor or smells "off." Infants fed any of the recalled cereal should not be fed any more of it, and should be monitored for symptoms such as vomiting and diarrhea. Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/01/rancid-baby-cereal-recalled-incanada/
- 25. January 21, Food Safety News (Massachusetts) Raw milk link to Brucellosis in Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health issued a consumer alert January 20 after learning a local farm's raw milk could be contaminated with Brucella. A man who drank raw milk from the dairy in late December has received a preliminary diagnosis of brucellosis. Test results are pending. Brucellosis is a highly contagious disease caused by ingestion of unpasteurized milk or meat from animals infected with Brucella. Massachusetts public health authorities said they have not seen Brucella in livestock there in decades. Twin Rivers Farm in Ashley Falls is being investigated as the possible source of infection, and the dairy's raw milk sales have been suspended. The dairy sells raw milk only at the farm, not in retail stores. Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/01/raw-milk-link-to-brucellosis-in-massachusetts/
- 26. January 21, Palm Springs Desert Sun (California) Fire destroys seed supply at Indio packaging plant. A new ventilation fan sparked a fire that destroyed a seed supply at an Indio, California, packaging plant January 20. The fire was contained to a storage unit containing flax seeds at Golden State Herbs, according to the Riverside County Fire Department. The fan cost \$200,000 and was just installed January 19, the battalion chief said. He did not know how many bags of seed were inside the storage unit. The unit was engulfed in flames as 22 firefighters from Coachella and Indio arrived. Adjacent storage units sustained heat damage. It was not clear if work would resume the week of January 23. Golden State Herbs' products include sweet basil, dill weed, cilantro, and spearmint.

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Water Sector

27. January 23, Weatherford Democrat – (Texas) TCEQ again fines Willow Park. The City of Willow Park has paid nearly \$22,000 in fines to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and received more than 30 notices of violations involving the city's wastewater treatment plant since 2007. The week of January 30, the commission is expected to approve the third agreed enforcement order with penalties against the city in less than 5 years. The TCEQ alleges the quality of water discharged into a nearby creek has not met standards on multiple occasions as reported by the city during a June 2011 inspection. The issues appear to have been ongoing for at least 6 years. Less than half of Willow Park is served by the plant near the Clear Fork of the Trinity River. Most of the city's residential customers are on their own septic systems and the plant processes wastewater from several housing developments and the city's commercial customers, according to the city administrator. "The water discharged from the plant was not of sufficient quality to remain in compliance with its permitted effluent limits," a spokeswoman for TCEQ wrote to the Democrat January 19. "As a result of these discharges, human health or the environment were exposed to insignificant amounts of pollutants which do not exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors." The city does not believe all of the alleged violations were actual violations, according to the mayor. By signing the agreed order, the city waived rights to an evidentiary hearing and the right to appeal and agreed to pay \$8,850.

Source: http://weatherforddemocrat.com/top-news/x1669697633/TCEQ-again-fines-Willow-Park

28. *January* 22, *Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Feds investigating ND water tower shooting.** Officials in Bismarck, North Dakota, said a water tower on Fort Berthold Indian Reservation has been shot full of holes. The federal Bureau of Reclamation said the 750,000-gallon water tower near Parshall was shot early this month. The agency said a reward is being offered for tips.

Source: http://www.jamestownsun.com/event/article/id/152954/group/homepage/

29. January 21, Devner Post – (Colorado) Toxics from Suncor refinery spill still seeping into water; Colorado vows to 'accelerate' response. Spilled contaminants from decades of refinery operations at Suncor Energy's oil refinery north of Denver are still seeping underground, and the latest tests show benzene levels 48 times the limit for drinking water, even downstream of the point at which Sand Creek flows into the South Platte River, the Denver Post reported January 21. Federal labor officials launched an investigation of possible worker exposures at the refinery, where tap water also is tainted. State regulators said they are working with Suncor to find a way to block the toxic material from burbling into Sand Creek. Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment data — from samples taken by Suncor — showed benzene concentrations at 720 parts per billion (ppb) January 9 at the point where Sand Creek meets the South Platte, up from 190 January 6, and 144 times higher than the 5 ppb national drinking-water standard. Downriver on the South Platte, the data show

benzene at 240 ppb January 9, a decrease from 590 January 6, but still 48 times higher than the standard. The South Platte River is the main water source for northeastern Colorado and the Denver area. State regulators favor construction of underground clay walls at the creek and the refinery to try to block toxic material before it spreads; vapor-extraction systems to remove it from soil; and pumping of contaminated groundwater — all aimed at preventing further pollution. Suncor officials said blood tests were done on 675 employees and contractors but could not comment on the results.

Source: http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci 19787661

30. January 20, Seattle Times – (Washington) Power surge causes 50,000-gallon sewage spill in Everett. About 50,000 gallons of raw sewage spilled into Port Gardner Bay in Everett, Washington, January 20 due to power surges. According to a news release from the city of Everett, power surges at about 3 a.m. caused one of the pumping stations to stop pumping sewage for about an hour. City crews fixed the station by 4 a.m., and were taking water quality samples and posting signs to let people know about the spill.

Source:

http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/theweatherbeat/2017293068 power surge caus es_50000-gallon_sewage_spill_in_everett.html

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

31. January 22, Infectious Diseases Society of America – (National) Anti-infective drug shortages pose threat to public health and patient care. A review published in Clinical Infectious Diseases stated that shortages of key drugs used to fight infections represent a public health emergency and can put patients at risk, the Infectious Diseases Society of America stated in a January 20 news release. Frequent anti-infective shortages can substantially alter clinical care and may lead to worse outcomes for patients, particularly as the development of new anti-infectives has slowed and the prevalence of multidrug-resistant pathogens is increasing. First-line treatments for herpes encephalitis, neurosyphilis, tuberculosis, and enterococcal infections, among others, have been hit by shortages, forcing physicians to use other drugs that may not work as well, the authors found. Of the 193 medications unavailable in the United States at the time of the analysis, 13 percent were anti-infective drugs, the authors found. "Anti-infectives often represent irreplaceable life-saving treatments," the authors noted, and hospitalized patients are particularly vulnerable in an era when such shortages often last months and are occurring more frequently. Source:

http://esciencenews.com/articles/2012/01/22/anti.infective.drug.shortages.pose.threat.p ublic.health.and.patient.care

- 32. January 20, Marysville Appeal-Democrat (California) Thieves haul away three generators from hospital. Three large generators were reported stolen January 18 from Biggs-Gridley Memorial Hospital in Gridley, California. The generators, used primarily for community events, were stored outside in a heavy traffic area near the hospital's outpatient clinic, according to the facility's manager. He believes that some time between noon and 2 p.m. thieves carried away the generators. The generators were not part of the hospital's emergency backup system and the theft will have zero impact on the medical facility's utilities. The generators have since been replaced. Source: http://www.chicoer.com/news/ci 19781900
- 33. January 18, KTEN 10 Ada (Oklahoma) One arrested, more possible in Sulphur nursing home investigation. Employees of Callaway Nursing Home in Sulphur, Oklahoma, were under investigation after being accused of stealing and then selling prescription painkillers, KTEN 10 Ada reported January 18. According to Sulphur's police chief, thousands of pills vanished from the nursing home, including Lortab, which is a controlled substance. One employee was arrested the week of January 9 and now faces charges of possession and distribution. As for any other arrests, Sulphur police has asked for assistance with the case from the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics. Source: http://www.kten.com/story/16550983/one-arrest-more-possible-in-sulphur-nursing-home-investigation

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Government Facilities Sector

34. January 20, Threatpost – (Washington) Phishers bait city workers in Seattle with phony speeding tickets. Hundreds of government employees in Seattle received fraudulent e-mails January 19 that appeared to be traffic violation notifications, but were, in fact, vehicles for infection by malicious software. According to the Microsoft Malware Protection Center and the Seattle Police Department, hundreds of individuals with Seattle.gov e-mail addresses began receiving the fraudulent parking ticket announcements January 19. The messages have the subject "Seattle Traffic Ticket" and claim the recipient committed one of a number of violations, including speeding. Clicking a hyperlink in the e-mail message loaded an iframe that redirects users to a Ukrainian IP address. According to TechNet, the site contains an obfuscated JavaScript that exploits a bug in the Microsoft Data Access Components (MDAC) that was patched in 2006. If successful, the exploit will download an executable from a .ru domain. Windows is detecting the file as Worm: Won32/Cridex.B. The malware attempts to connect via SSL to "jahramainso[dot]com." The malware can also update itself by communicating with its command and control server. The host appears to be deploying the same file at present that was detected in the initial infection, but the authors may try to evade detection by altering the host with which it communicates. Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/phishers-bait-city-workers-seattle-phonyspeeding-tickets-012012

- 35. January 20, Joliet Herald-News (Illinois; Pennsylvania) Police: Joliet man threatened to kill Social Security staff. A Joliet, Illinois man upset with reductions to his benefits allegedly threatened to kill employees at a Social Security Administration (SSA) office in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, the week of January 16, the Joliet Herald-News reported January 22. The DHS took the man's reported threats seriously enough to have local police obtain a warrant for his arrest, an official said. SSA employees notified the DHS and because of the man's criminal history, federal agents asked Joliet police to pursue the case. A detective obtained an arrest warrant January 20 against the man with a \$100,000 bond. He was being sought for harassment by telephone, a Class 4 felony that can carry a 1- to 3-year prison sentence and a \$25,000 fine.

 Source: http://heraldnews.suntimes.com/news/10139661-418/police-joliet-man-threatened-to-kill-social-security-staff.html
- 36. *January* 20, *Gadsden Times* (Alabama) Arrests made in Boaz High School bomb threat. Two teenagers were arrested January 20 for making a terrorist threat in connection with a January 12 bomb threat at Boaz High School in Boaz, Alabama. One is a current student and the other is a former student at the school. The bomb threat was received at the high school. The person taking the call notified the school resource officer, who contacted the police chief and other members of the police department. The school was placed on lockdown, then was evacuated, and the Boaz Fire Department was called as a precaution.

Source: http://www.gadsdentimes.com/article/20120120/NEWS/120129978?tc=ar

37. January 20, Associated Press – (National) New data leak: VA releases info on 2,200 vets. The Department of Veterans Affairs said January 20 that personal information for more than 2,200 veterans was posted on Ancestry.com after it mistakenly released the data through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). There is no indication the information was misused, but the agency is still notifying all potentially affected veterans and is offering free credit monitoring. Ancestry.com removed the data as soon as the VA alerted it to the department's mistake. While the VA was required to release the requested records under the FOIA, somehow information about living veterans was released as part of a database about deceased veterans. The department said it is investigating how the mistake happened.

Source: http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2012/01/ap-veterans-affairs-va-releases-info-2200-veterans-012012/

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Emergency Services Sector

38. *January 23, KCRA 3 Sacramento* – (California) **Nevada County loses 911 connections.** Much of Nevada County, California, lost cell phone and Internet service January 21 after a fiber optic cable was damaged in an accident. AT&T crews said a telephone pole fell along Highway 49. Cal Fire reported it fell after being stuck by a car. Communication cables fell onto the busy roadway. The fibers carried cellular

phone calls, Internet service, and some phone landlines. The outage also crippled 911 services. Emergency calls from working land lines were routed to the Placer County Sheriff Department, where dispatchers relayed information to local authorities by two-way radios. Grass Valley police, the California Highway Patrol, and Nevada County Sheriffs set up an impromptu communication center in a grocery store parking lot to share information and coordinate responses. Cal Fire's dispatch center in Grass Valley was also impacted. The center dispatches fire and ambulance services for Nevada County, Truckee, and Tahoe, plus portions of two other counties. AT&T estimated the damage would be repaired January 22.

Source: http://www.kcra.com/r/30271333/detail.html

39. January 21, Orangeburg Times and Democrat – (South Carolina) Trooper pulls over Norway mayor, then mayor pulls over trooper. The South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) was asked by the South Carolina Department of Public Safety (SCDPS) to investigate the Norway mayor's status as a law enforcement officer after he was stopped for speeding by a state trooper January 18, then pulled over the same trooper immediately following the traffic stop. A SCDPS spokesman said the agency submitted the request to SLED January 19. The mayor told the Orangburg Times and Democrat January 20 the state Criminal Justice Academy gave him a "clear status" to serve as chief constable of the town of Norway. He said he had "some makeup work to do" to be recertified as a law enforcement officer, but has a year to complete that work. The SCDPS spokesman said the request for a SLED investigation came on the heels of two traffic stops initiated the evening of January 18. The spokesman said a South Carolina Highway Patrol trooper "stopped a Dodge Charger for speeding on S.C. Highway 400 in Orangeburg County near the town limits of Norway. The trooper identified the driver ... as the mayor of Norway." The mayor was issued a citation. "As the trooper began to drive off, the mayor pulled in behind the trooper and activated blue lights and siren," the spokesman continued. "The mayor walked up to the trooper's window and asked for the trooper's driver's license and registration, which the trooper gave to him." The mayor eventually returned the trooper's driver's license and registration and left the scene. Source: http://thetandd.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/trooper-pulls-over-norway-

Source: http://thetandd.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/trooper-pulls-over-norway-mayor-then-mayor-pulls-over-trooper/article_cf1bd688-43f8-11e1-9f6c-001871e3ce6c.html

40. *January 20, Deseret News* – (Utah; International) **Utah Chiefs of Police Website hacked by Anonymous group.** A hacker group protesting Congress' controversial
anti-piracy bills was able to shut down several Web sites January 18, including the site
for the Utah Chiefs of Police Association. A group calling itself Anonymous is
believed to have hacked into several Web sites including the U.S Justice Department,
Universal Music, the Motion Picture Industry of America, and other recording sites.
Also included in the list of Web sites taken down was www.utahchiefs.org. The Web
site had a message January 20 that said, "Our website is temporarily closed for
maintenance." The executive director of the association said his group's site was not
even fully developed yet. Names, addresses, and phone numbers of many Utah police
chiefs were on the Web site, but most of that information is already public.

Source: http://www.deseretnews.com/article/705397751/Utah-Chiefs-of-Police-website-hacked-by-ANONYMOUS-group.html

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Information Technology Sector

41. January 23, IDG News Service – (International) DreamHost resets passwords after database breach. Los Angeles-based Web hosting firm DreamHost reset the FTP and shell access passwords for all of its customers January 20 after detecting unauthorized activity within a database. "One of DreamHost's database servers was illegally accessed using an exploit that was not previously known or prevented by our layered security systems in place," said DreamHost's CEO. Even though it could not be blocked, the unauthorized access was detected by one of the firm's intrusion detection systems, allowing its security team to react quickly and take necessary mitigation steps. The company notified its customers about the security breach via e-mail and informed them only passwords used for FTP and shell access were affected. Billing or personal information was not exposed, DreamHost said.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9223625/DreamHost_resets_passwords_after_database_breach?taxonomyId=17

42. January 23, Softpedia – (International) Hackers prove EA, IGN, ImageShack, NY Times, Verizon vulnerable. A new hacking collective, TeamHav0k, launched an operation called "#OP XSS" in which they try to find cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerabilities in major Web sites. The first results of the operation came in and reveals many important sites contain XSS flaws. A Pastebin document reveals Web sites such as the ones belonging to Verizon, Huffington Post, European Organization for Nuclear Research, Electronic Arts (EA), IGN, and New York Times contain design flaws. Some educational institutions were also found to contain XSS security holes, including University of Illinois, Harvard, Yale, and Rockefeller University. Telecoms company Verizon, media hosting company ImageShack, value calculator and traffic estimator tool StatShow, Major League Gaming, and Dr. Pepper complete the list. Even though XSS vulnerabilities are among the most common ones found in commercial Web sites, this does not mean they are not dangerous. Cybercriminals can rely on these weaknesses to execute their own malicious codes and cause damage to the virtual assets of unsuspecting Internet users.

Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/Hackers-Prove-EA-IGN-ImageShack-NY-Times-Verizon-Vulnerable-247952.shtml

43. *January 23*, *H Security* – (International) **Critical hole in Apache Struts 2 closed.** The developers of the Apache Struts 2 Java Web framework released version 2.3.1.2. This closes a critical hole in versions of Struts from 2.0.0 to 2.3.1.1 that allowed for remote command execution. The vulnerability makes it possible for the protection around OGNL, an expression language used for getting and setting properties of Java objects,

to be bypassed and arbitrary expressions to be evaluated.

Source: http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Critical-hole-in-Apache-Struts-2-closed-1419498.html

44. January 20, Computerworld – (International) Anonymous dupes users into joining Megaupload attack. In a message on Twitter and in a blog post, Anonymous claimed its January 20 distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks against the Web sites of the Department of Justice, the Recording Industry Association of America, the Motion Picture Association of America, and others were its largest ever, and 5,600 people collaborated in the assaults. However, some of the 5,600 who participated may have done so unwittingly, said a senior technology consultant with Sophos. He said members of Anonymous distributed links via Twitter and elsewhere that when clicked, automatically launched a Web version of Anonymous's DDoS tool, the Low Orbit Ion Cannon (LOIC). The links pointed to a page on PasteHTML.com, a free HTML codehosting site, which in turn executed some JavaScript to fire LOIC at Anonymousdesignated targets. Many of those messages said nothing about LOIC or that clicking the link tricked the user into the DDoS attack, the consultant said. Anonymous is still recruiting people to its campaign. A search of Twitter using a string published on Gawker.com indicated the link was being shared January 20 at the rate of about 10 to 18 times per minute.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9223601/Anonymous_dupes_users_into_joining_Megaupload_attack?taxonomyId=17

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Communications Sector

45. January 21, WCMH 4 Columbus – (Ohio) Verizon customers without service for a time Saturday night. Some Ohioans in the Columbus, Ohio area without landline phone service found themselves isolated when an apparent outage affecting Verizon customers hit January 21. Franklin County Sheriff's Office personnel confirmed a widespread outage. Columbus police told the communications center the outage was expected to be corrected in about 2 hours. Telephone and text service appeared to have been affected, but Internet access did not appear to have been interrupted. Law enforcement and emergency officials were unaware of any accident that may have precipitated the situation during the outage. Some Verizon customers said they were in the process of talking to the company's service department, which was treating their

problems as specific to the customer's own service.

Source: http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2012/jan/21/columbus-cell-users-cut-ar-905311/

46. *January* 20, *KTVB* 7 *Boise* – (Idaho) **Power outages in Boise County knocks out KTVB signal.** KTVB 7 in Boise, Idaho, was back on the air the night of January 20 after a power outage at Bogus Basin knocked it off the air for most of the day. Heavy ice and snow damaged powerlines in the areas of Placerville, Idaho City, and Boise. Idaho Power said the power outage affected more than 500 customers, including Bogus Basin. The KTVB transmitter is located at the top of the mountain, which caused the station to be one of those affected customers. Crews were battling deep snow as they responded to downed power lines, and in many cases they were finding more problems along the way.

Source: http://www.ktvb.com/news/KTVB-experiencing-technical-difficulties-137746713.html

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Commercial Facilities Sector

47. January 23, CNN – (Alabama; Arkansas; Mississippi) Severe weather rakes Southeast; 2 dead in Alabama. Severe weather tore across the Southeast January 23, killing at least two people, injuring more than 100 and spreading damage through several states, emergency officials said. The two fatalities reported were near Birmingham, Alabama, according to a Jefferson County sheriff's official. At least 100 injuries were reported, from cuts and bruises to broken bones. At least 211 homes were destroyed and 218 suffered major damage in Jefferson County. That number is expected to rise. Emergency crews were working to locate people who may be trapped or injured, and clear roads, several of which were impassable, the sheriff's office said. Video from the Center Point area showed numerous downed trees, some on top of homes. A photo from one Clay, Alabama subdivision showed many homes heavily damaged or destroyed, with debris strewn across the neighborhood and trees snapped in half. Damage was also reported in Perry and Chilton counties. Damage was reported in Maplesville, according to the Chilton County emergency management agency. A radio studio and transmission tower was reported toppled in Chilton County by a possible tornado, the National Weather Service said. The Alabama governor declared a state of emergency. Seven Alabama counties reported storm damage, with most in Jefferson and Chilton counties. As of 2 p.m. January 23, fewer than 15,000 customers statewide were without power, Alabama Power said on Twitter. The outages peaked at 45,400 about 5 a.m., an Alabama Power spokeswoman said. Several school systems closed for the day. In Arkansas, at least one person was hurt January 23 when a tornado touched down in Fordyce, said an official with the Dallas County emergency management office. About 40 homes were damaged, with 10 of those destroyed, said a spokesman for the Arkansas Department of Emergency management. Power outages, which peaked at 3,700, were down to about 1,300 just before daybreak. An airport in Dewitt, about 90 miles northeast of Fordyce, saw some damage to several buildings, said the

airport manager. Possible tornadoes were also reported in Mississippi and Tennessee, according to the National Weather Service. The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency said one person was injured in Bolivar County, several homes were damaged in Bolivar and Quitman counties, and several farm buildings were damaged in Coahoma County.

Source: http://www.cnn.com/2012/01/23/us/severe-weather/index.html?hpt=hp_t1

48. *January* 23, *Tomah Journal* – (Wisconsin) **Missouri man in jail after Tomah standoff.** A Missouri man was arrested January 22 at a Tomah, Wisconsin, motel after a nearly 7-hour standoff with police. Police responded to a complaint of an intoxicated man with a firearm at the Super 8 Motel. Officers contacted the man in a hallway before he retreated to his room. Assisted by officers from multiple jurisdictions, police set up a perimeter and tried to talk to the man before using chemical agents to flush him out, according to the Tomah Police Department. Police evacuated 15 first-floor rooms before attempting to approach the suspect in his room. The suspect was arrested and was being held in the Monroe County Jail on suspicion of endangering safety while intoxicated with a firearm, failure to comply with police, resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct with a dangerous weapon.

Source: http://lacrossetribune.com/news/local/missouri-man-in-jail-after-tomah-standoff/article_a6b3d442-457f-11e1-ab28-0019bb2963f4.html

49. *January 23, Softpedia* – (International) **Black hat cleaning day: Phantom leaks tons of data.** Notorious black hats that hacked thousands of Web sites in their lifetime gather gigabytes of information stolen from their victims, much of which is never published online. Phantom, one of the members of TeaMp0isoN, decided to clean up his hard drive and publish data he collected as a result of breaching sites, Softpedia reported January 23. Usernames, passwords, and other sensitive information belonging to members and administrators of around 7,000 Web sites are contained in the data leak, posted on Pastebin in multiple parts. The list of victims includes book stores, Web site developers, mobile phone stores, and other, mostly commercial, Web sites from all around the world.

Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/Black-Hat-Cleaning-Day-Phantom-Leaks-Tons-of-Data-Exclusive-248076.shtml

50. January 22, WSYR 9 East Syracuse – (New York) Damage hampering fire investigation. Investigators were on the scene of a fire that left 20 people homeless January 21 on the south side of Syracuse, New York. Finding a cause has been difficult as the damage to the building made it unsafe. Firefighters were called to the three-and-a-half story building January 21. It includes six apartments and a used furniture store. "We also know that we threw, probably millions of gallons of water on it last night so the structure has absorbed not only the damage from the fire, but also all that additional weight we put on it," said the fire chief. Firefighters were still putting out hot spots January 22. "We were having a hard time getting to the seat of the fire, because of the metal deck roof, as well as the size of the building. Six apartments up there, probably cut up...a lot of walls," explained the Syracuse fire chief. "We can put water in the windows, but it is not getting to the fire."

Source: http://www.9wsyr.com/mostpopular/story/Damage-hampering-fire-investigation/SpJoMaV3CUKW1Wo2UNe8ig.cspx

51. January 22, Kitsap Sun – (Washington) 'Suspicious' fire damages Island Lake community center. A fire January 22 at the John Horsley Community Center at Island Lake County Park in Washington state burned a portion of the exterior of the building and caused smoke damage inside. The fire apparently started in an area of the building that housed the restrooms, then spread to the inside, according to a report from Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue. Interior damage was mainly caused by smoke. Fire crews quickly knocked down the flames, but they spent 3 hours making sure the fire was not smoldering in the heavy timbers that made up the structure. Damage was estimated at \$250,000. The cause of the fire was listed as "suspicious" and remains under investigation.

Source: http://www.kitsapsun.com/news/2012/jan/22/suspicious-fire-damages-island-lake-community/

- 52. January 22, Newark Star-Ledger (New Jersey) Five-alarm fire in Westfield destroys several businesses. A five-alarm fire swept through several stores in Westfield, New Jersey, January 22, destroying the buildings. Firefighters arrived on scene and found Clyne & Murphy Catering engulfed in flames. The fire spread through the roof into the surrounding businesses eight in total before it was finally brought under control, the fire chief said. Crews would continue to monitor the area for hot spots into January 23, the fire chief said, noting it remained unsafe to enter the building. A total of 125 men from 16 engine companies and 6 ladder companies fought the fire for nearly 3 hours while large plumes of smoke loomed over the neighborhood. Source: http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2012/01/five-alarm_westfield_fire_dest.html
- 53. January 22, phillyBurbs.com (Pennsylvania) Five hospitalized after dangerous CO levels in ice rink. Fire people were taken to the hospital after feeling ill at the Wintersport complex in Upper Moreland, Pennsylvania, January 21. Police said fire and ambulance personnel were dispatched to the ice rink for multiple reports of people feeling ill due to a possible carbon monoxide leak. More than a dozen people were outside the building suffering lightheadedness and five were taken to the hospital, officials said. The fire marshal said firefighters found elevated levels of carbon monoxide in the building. The building was immediately evacuated. The source of the CO was a hot water heater filled with oil that is used to heat water before its used by the ice-smoothing machine, the fire marshal said. A flue to the heater was partially blocked, preventing proper ventilation.

 Source: http://www.phillyburbs.com/my_town/willow_grove/five-hospitalized-after-

54. *January 21, KCNC 4 Denver* – (Colorado) **Feds worry about man who stole 7 guns.** Federal authorities are searching for a man who stole seven assault rifles, KCNC 4 Denver reported January 21. They are offering a reward for information the leads to an arrest. The man first hit a Dick's Sporting Goods store in Loveland. Then he broke into a Sports Authority in Fort Collins. The break-ins happened late at night when no

dangerous-co-levels-in-ice-rink/article c91880fb-50ad-5206-8c14-840897b985f3.html

employees or customers were around, apparently by smashing a store window. The thief got away with seven guns from two stores. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives said the man is a danger to the community.

Source: http://denver.cbslocal.com/2012/01/21/feds-worried-about-man-who-stole-7-guns/

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

55. January 22, Los Angeles Times – (California) Man crushed by tree at Yosemite as storm batters California. A part-time ranger at Yosemite National Park was killed January 22 when strong winds felled a tree and crushed him in his tent in an employee housing area of the park, officials said. The man had worked in the park for 5 years and was employed by a ski area concessionaire, according to a park spokesman. A large tree limb crushed the employee's tent in Yosemite Valley, and strong winds knocked down trees around the park. The storm lingered in the state throughout the day, causing flooding in the north and power outages in Palm Springs, Joshua Tree, and Cathedral City

Source: http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2012/01/man-crushed-by-tree-at-vosemite-as-winter-storm-batters-state.html

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Dams Sector

- 56. January 21, BYM Marine and Maritime News (Georgia) Berkeley Lake gets \$2.6 million federal grant to repair dam. The city of Berkeley Lake, Georgia, is getting more than \$2.6 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) toward repairs of its Berkeley Lake Dam, BYM Marine and Maritime News reported January 21. The FEMA regional administrator announced the additional grant funds to repair the dam damaged in historic flooding in September 2009. The total project cost is estimated to be \$3,580,558. The September 2009 rainfall caused a torrent of water to deface a large section, about 35 feet by 30 feet, of the dam's downstream embankment. The loss of the earthen face compromised much of the dam. After the flood, local, state, and FEMA officials examined and verified the damage and made repair recommendations. After the project, the dam will meet current Georgia Safe Dams Program criteria. It will better control seepage and will reduce the chance of slope failure by removing some of the existing downstream slope and residual materials, installing an internal drainage system, and placing new compacted fill material. The result will be a flatter, more stable configuration.
- 57. January 20, Associated Press (North Dakota) Corps to increase water releases at Garrison Dam, now that Bismarck area has stable ice cover. The U.S. Army Corps

of Engineers plans to gradually increase water releases from Garrison Dam on the Missouri River in North Dakota over the next several weeks, the Associated Press reported January 20. The Corps said a stable ice cover has been established on the river at Bismarck, allowing officials to release more water through the dam upstream without leading to river rises near the capital city. The Corps said the river level at Bismarck typically rises during the freeze-over period. That happened earlier this month, and higher-than-normal river stages in some areas prompted the National Weather Service to issue a flood warning. The river stayed below flood stage, there was no damage, and the warning has since been canceled.

Source:

http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/93d9ed8e061d4f2eb870f8caf01268a8/ND-Garrison-Dam-Releases/

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